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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Intelligence as a Force Multiplier--Meeting with [] TENCAP
Coordination Officer, DIA, 24 April 1986

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1. [] and I met with [] in her office at the Pentagon. TENCAP--Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities--was originally part of the Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP). In 1977, Congress mandated that each service would have a TENCAP entity responsible for independently performing an impact statement for the Congress on how any proposed space reconnaissance system would assist it in its warfighting missions.

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2. In the Army, TENCAP is a "full-fledged" \$86 million R&D program. The Air Force is spending \$5 million, the Navy, \$7 million. DIA's budget is \$200 thousand (covering 4 "action officers"). All of the funding is TIARA, but only the Marine Corps' TENCAP falls within the purview of intelligence.* Thus far, TENCAP's single operational "success" is the []

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[] There are five Army ITEPs and the Air Force has one. The field element consists of one van and 6-8 analysts. The analysts correlate--"fuse"--[] data []

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*Under the Army's chairmanship, the Service TENCAPs have generated an elaborate contractor-produced manual called the Joint Tactical Exploitation of National Systems (JTENS)--see [] file. (The Army was the first service to study utilization of NRP assets.)

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3. The U&S commanders are not happy about TENCAP, ITEP in particular. They see them as violating basic command and control principles in that the field components of the services are able to get information much sooner than they get it. One of [] duties is to somehow deal with this problem as part of DIA's responsibilities for satisfying intelligence requirements of the U&S commands. NSA also doesn't like TENCAP because it loosens its grip on the systems it flies. The NRO's involvement is heavy and positive. And the new Space Command is maneuvering to become the "super TENCAP" for the U&S commands.

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4. TENCAP has made some progress in the area of intelligence policy and procedures, for example in the release of intelligence to third parties, and in the development of declassification and decompartmentation guidelines. In

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5. [] concluded that TENCAP "is worth the effort," if for no other reason than it focusses on the needs of tactical users in the Washington environment where such needs are frequently not properly taken into account by the developers of expensive collection systems. She feels that a lot of money is saved in the process. [] said she would look into providing us with an example of a TENCAP impact statement.)

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